(b) if so, in what manner it is being ensured that there are no irregularities, malpractices and corruption taking place in the sale and purchase of items; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to stop the sale of stationery and other items to Government Department till a regular CVO is positioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) There is no regular CVO in Kendriya Bhandar since 24.9.2003. The charge of CVO has been assigned to a senior officer in addition to his duties.

(b) Kendriya Bhandar has adopted a revised Purchase Policy in 2003 laying down the procedure for procurement of grocery, consumer, stationery and other items with the objective of providing quality goods at reasonable and competitive prices.

(c) No, Sir

CVC's recommendation to initiate disciplinary action

1736. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers of Central and State Governments against whom the CVC have recommended departmental and disciplinary action to be initiated; and

(b) the number of cases against which Government have turned down the recommendations of the CVC alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Central Vigilance Commission only tender advise in respect of officers of Central Government. The Commission had recommended disciplinary and departmental action to be initiated against 2080, 2247 and 2441 Central Government officers during the last three years *i.e.* 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively in its first stage advice.

(b) The decision related to accepting or rejecting the advise of CentFal Vigilance Commission vests with various Ministries/departments/ disciplinary authorities of Government of India. The figures are not Centrally maintained.